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INSTITUTE WORK CLOSES ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE

State Superintendent J. B. Brown
Gives Splendid Talk to Teachers
and County Court.

Monday marked the final close of everything incident to the institute that has been in progress here since June 26. The work of selecting the teachers will commence July 20 and continue until completed and the schools will open for work July 31. The total enrollment for the entire institute term was 67.

State Superintendent J. B. Brown was here Monday and delivered a talk to the teachers and citizens in the high school building of half an hour; he then went to the court house and addressed the county court for another half hour. Numerous citizens were present at both talks and were highly pleased with the information he imparted and the unmistakable interest he manifested in behalf of the schools in both talks.

In his talk to the teachers he urged most earnestly that the teachers make it a part of their teaching efforts to visit the homes of all the patrons to the end that they may become familiar with the home conditions and thus be better able to understand the needs of the student and how best to render the largest possible service. He also urged that the teachers make it a part of their work to be seven-days-a-week teachers and by so doing to lend all possible aid in every movement both church and otherwise, that is calculated to be helpful to their respective communities.

In talking to the court he rehearsed briefly the history of public schools of the state and showed how for several years the state had taken a larger and more active part in both directing the schools and in providing an ever increasing portion of the money for conducting the schools.

He showed that the state furnishes the money for four and a half months of the school term of this county. He also told how Shelby county pays in to the state school fund more than \$300,000 and takes out only a little over \$50,000. How Davidson county pays some \$400,000 and receives back from the state around \$100,000. The other two counties having the largest cities contribute in a like manner their large parts and receive back only about one-fourth of what they pay in.

He further stated that some of the counties in the state that pay into the school fund more than they receive are very much dissatisfied with the present arrangement and that an effort will surely be made when the legislature convenes again to have the present system changed so a much larger portion of the money the large counties pay in to the state school fund will be returned to them. Some of the larger counties are now saying "Let the little counties look after their own schools and we will look after ours." Thus declining to recognize the pressing necessity for the wealthy counties to help the poor ones.

He made it very clear that in view of the effort that was sure to be made to change the present system to the detriment of the counties of small taxable values, the strongest possible fight this and other counties of small taxable values can make is for the teachers and board of education to co-operate in the strongest possible way to bring the largest possible results, so that it may be clear that we appreciate what is being done for us and thus strengthen the hands of those who will make the fight to prevent any weakening of the present system.

The efforts of both the County Superintendent and her assistant faculty have been directed along these lines during the institute just closed and while some may feel that the lines have been drawn too rigidly, it was not with that purpose but with the purpose of making the best possible showing this year to the end that the help received from the state next year may be greater than this rather than less.

The work for each succeeding day was carefully planned and gone over in advance and most earnest and effective work was done. Practically all the teachers entered into the spirit of the work and their efforts show splendid results.

The Superintendent called the roll twice each day and kept a careful record touching attendance and punctuality and we give herewith the results in part:

Honor Roll.

Those who were present every day and never tardy:
Anderson, Nancy

Bandy, Fay
Beakley, Mrs. Mary
Dorton, Ida
Dunbar, Hallie
Erwin, Gertrude
Murphy, Mrs. Carrie
Hinch, Roy
North, Charles

Honorable Mention:

This roll represents those who made an average of 95 in attendance and punctuality:

Anderson, Mattie
Burgess, Cora
Farmer, Edith
Gregory, Mary L.
Hamby, Dora
Hedgecoth, Nelle
Henard, Myrtle
Kemmer, Amanda
Music, M. M.

Lavender, Edna, (100 percent in attendance and punctuality for the nine days present.)

Anderson, James
James, C. E.
Jones, D. E.
Ledford, C. L. (Present 9 1/2 days; tardy one).

The method of grading was to call the full ten days 100 and take off ten percent for every day absent and 2 1/2 percent for each time tardy; and 5 percent for each half day absent.

Some whose names do not appear in either of the above lists may have a good excuse for being absent, but the task of explaining for each one is too much to be undertaken.

At a meeting of those attending the institute the following resolutions were passed:

"We, the teachers of Cumberland County, mindful of educational needs of our boys and girls, wish to express our deepest appreciation for the efforts spent in the Teacher's Institute to further the cause of education.

"Especially do we appreciate the labor and co-operation of:

"The pastor of Crossville for their earnest work in assisting and instructing the teachers of this institute.

"The relationship between our work and their work is such that we feel more than ever that the standard of Christian civilization depends upon the standard of education.

"The Parent-Teachers Association for the hearty welcome they gave us in the happy social of Tuesday night and in the great civic meeting of Friday night. We want the Parent-Teachers Association to know that the meeting will be an incentive and model for use in our community work.

"We know the great work of the Parent-Teachers Association and welcome to our schools, Mrs. John Reed, Chairman in her work to extend the usefulness to the county schools.

"We appreciate the kindness of the County Board in turning over to us the dormitory, a comfortable, economical home.

"We give our thanks to the instructors in this Institute, appreciating their thorough preparation and the careful, painstaking work in giving to us so ably the great amount of work we have been able to accomplish in so short a time.

"The superintendent because of her untiring energy and her uncompromising efforts to raise the standard of education in Cumberland county. For her earnest endeavor to deal justice according to merit to each teacher, not losing sight of the interest and opportunity of every boy and girl in the county.

The Chronicle without fear, favor or prejudice freely throws open its columns to assist and encourage every effort to advance the standard of education.

"We heartily endorse the educational plan of the state to raise the standard of education, to equalize the term, and to standardize all schools and to consolidate schools, when possible to do so.

"The policy of the County Board in demanding qualified and efficient teachers, in its support and co-operation with the Superintendent and the Parent-Teachers Association, and other educational leaders.

"We, therefore, resolve to go back to our rural schools with a new determination to do our whole duty as teachers to uplift the conditions in our communities by:

"Vitalizing and enriching the course of study in our schools.

Making the school environment more attractive and beautiful.

Making the school a community center which will help to encourage a higher standard of farm and home life.

Encouraging better churches and roads and whatever else that may be of good to community and rural life.

Helping standardize the school and encouraging the consolidation of one teacher schools.

Signed:

MRS. CARRIE MURPHY,
MISS NOLA GRyder,
MRS. MARY BEAKLEY,

QUARTERLY COUNTY COURT WORKS ONLY ONE DAY

Auditing Committee Directed to Institute Proceedings Against S. N. Smith and J. S. Cline.

The Quarterly Term of County Court convened Monday and completed its labors the same day and adjourned. Chairman J. F. Brown was present and presiding. He submitted his report for the past quarter, which was approved and ordered spread of record.

The report shows that the county fund is overdrawn \$554.17; the High School fund is overdrawn \$1,020.14. The total indebtedness of the county is shown to be \$257,996.73; of this amount \$240,000 is Pike Bonds and \$17,000 is court house bonds; the remainder being made up of outstanding county and school warrants; none of the school warrants being High school warrants. The revenue committee composed of E. S. Dunbar and Litton Thurman state that they have examined the books of the other county officers and found the same correct.

The resignation of former county Judge S. N. Smith was presented to the court by Chairman J. F. Brown and the same was ordered spread of record. The resignation bore date of May 16, and was tendered to take effect at that date.

In compliance with the direction of Attorney-General Frank M. Thompson a chairman was to be elected to serve until the January term, 1923. The name of the present chairman, J. F. Brown was presented by Esq. J. L. Anderson and seconded by Esq. U. S. Rose. No other names were presented and Esq. Brown was elected without opposition. The salary fixed by the court for Chairman Brown was \$75 a month. While the records do not so state it would seem that the salary fixed was intended to cover the entire time Chairman Brown has served.

Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee appointed by court to arrange settlement with S. N. Smith and J. S. Cline for their respective shortages reported as follows: "After going over the account of S. N. Smith with his attorney we find that he is due the county Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents. (\$5,357.52). We agreed to take the library and fixtures of S. N. Smith at \$800, his house and lot at \$2,000, then we agreed to take \$1,000 cash and a note with approved security to be paid in twelve months from date for the balance of \$1,557.52, which proposition has not been accepted.

"We find that J. S. Cline is due the county One Thousand and Eighty-Five Dollars, (\$1,085), after having paid back to the Trustee Three Hundred and Forty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$342.85). We agreed to take his note for twelve months after date with approved security, for the \$1,085, but have not succeeded in getting the note." The report was signed by the full committee consisting of J. F. Brown, O. B. Rector and U. S. Rose. The report was ordered spread of record. The court directed the Auditing Committee to take legal action against Messrs. Smith and Cline and empowered them to employ an attorney, if they deemed it necessary.

The time of W. F. Bandy having expired as a member of the county Board of Education he declined to again become a candidate and T. F. Brown was elected to the vacancy. The Board consists of seven members and each is elected to serve seven years.

It seems that Lawson Burgess was allowed \$3600 at the previous quarterly term of court and that the same was delivered to Esq. Jas. Tucker to be delivered to Mr. Burgess, but that Esq. Tucker applied to his own benefit. Another warrant for the amount was ordered drawn to Mr. Burgess and it was directed that action be taken against Esq. Tucker to recover the amount and he further be asked to tender his resignation as justice of the peace. Chairman J. F. Brown was directed to notify Esq. Jas. Tucker of the action of the court.

Chairman E. G. Tollett of the county Road Commission submitted his report, which was accepted and ordered spread of record.

The following persons were released from poll tax and road work: Bud Treadway, George Ferguson, Homer Price, Joe Hedgecoth, Amos Copeland,

MISS NANCY ANDERSON,
D. E. JONES
JAMES ANDERSON,
THEODORE HEDGECOth,
C. L. LEDFORD."

SALE OF SCHOOL BONDS COMPLETED LAST WEEK

Sum of \$20,035 Now on Deposit to Credit of City; School Building This Fall.

The sale of the \$20,000 in bonds for purchasing a site for the new city school building, and for erection of building, was finally closed last week and the money is now in the bank here to the credit of the city. After all expenses were paid the net amount paid to the city was \$20,035.

There has been some talk that Mayor N. D. Walker and one or more members of the County Board of Education will visit other counties to see recently constructed buildings with the view to determining more fully the type of building that will best suit Crossville and come within the scope of our means. When County chairman J. S. Reed was seen by the Chronicle man relative to the trip of inspection, he stated that he knew nothing about it and had not heard of such a trip being in prospect.

For a time there was some opposition to the purchase of the twenty acres of land west of Main Street for school purposes, but as there now seems to be no other available site that can be obtained with any thing like the room there presented, the opposition seems to have waned and it seems probable that the site will be purchased and that section gradually brought into use for both the city schools and the high school also a little later.

F. Padgett, Dane Hixon and Oliver Rector.

Tax Levy.

The Tax Levy committee made its report fixing the levy for 1922 as follows:

County 30 cents
School, including State Levy 45c.
Road 20 cents
Court House 20 cents
High School 15 cents
Pike Bonds 25 cents
Special, to pay J. P. Mileage and per diem, court costs, etc. 10 cents

One of the committee, D. H. Tanner, brought in a minority report in which he proposed a levy of 10 cents for roads instead of 15 cents, and objected to the special tax of ten cents. On motion the majority report was approved by the court. The total tax under that levy will be \$1.65, and the state tax of 35 cents will make the taxes for 1922 just \$2.00, provided the state does not increase its levy, which may or may not be done when the State Tax Levy Committee meets next month. Until after the state tax committee meets and fixes the levy for this year, no one can tell exactly what it will be.

James McCormack was refunded taxes amounting to \$11.27 cents, collected in 1921, because of erroneous assessment.

The county fund being overdrawn \$554, it was ordered that \$2,500 of the Pike fund be transferred to the county fund.

Trustee T. F. Brown was ordered released of all items of taxes that had been examined and approved by the Revenue Committee.

John Swallows paid his poll tax while in military service and it was refunded to him.

Mrs. Rose Walker, Clifty; H. M. Center, Crab Orchard; L. E. Vest, Crossville, were appointed notaries public.

POMONA

On Wednesday morning, July 5th, Mr. Lester C. Dayton, of Pomona and Miss Elba Houston, of Linary were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Blue at home of the bride's brother, Wade Houston, Linary. The young couple are now at home with the groom's mother in Pomona. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Houston, is a young lady of much refinement and is a favorite among both young and old in Linary. The groom is the second son of the late James Dayton, and is noted for his industry and manly character. Their many friends wish them much happiness and success in their new life.

A revival of wide interest is now being held in Pomona by Rev. W. H. Blue and his father, who was presiding elder of this district four or five years ago. Both the father and son have a large place in the hearts of our people and the church is much too small for the large crowds in attendance every night. The afternoon services begin at 3 and the evening

NOT SO POOR AFTER ALL AS SOME MIGHT THINK

Now 192 Licensed Cars and 14 Trucks in This County Bring \$2,500 Revenue.

In spite of the fact that Cumberland county is looked upon by many persons over the state as "one of the poor mountain counties," this county very likely has several more cars and trucks than some other counties of the state.

Last year this county paid into the state Automobile Fund \$2,344, which was more than was paid by Bledsoe, Grundy, Hancock, Houston, Lewis, Meigs, Moore, Overton, Perry, Pickett, Scott, Sequatchie, Union, Van Buren Pickett paying only \$146 and Van Buren only \$246.

There are now in this county, according to the records in the office of County Court Clerk W. D. Hedgecoth, 192 licensed cars and 14 trucks. Taking them as a whole they will represent an expenditure of not less than \$700 each, which means that our people have invested in automobiles and trucks more than \$144,000, and more are being bought almost every day.

They have become so numerous that if a man passes driving a horse and buggy, people stop and look at him as being an unusual sight. Many days there may be seen as many as 25 to 40 cars standing on Main Street of Crossville. There seems to be very few people, besides the editor, who are too poor to own a car.

It is also very probable that the people who own cars in this county owe less on them, as a rule, than in many counties of the state. Our people usually have the money to buy what they need or want very badly.

No county in the state is moving forward or developing more rapidly than Cumberland. The farmers are growing better crops each year; more land is being cleared each year and farms are being enlarged. At the same time there are many thousands of acres of land that are in the wild that are as level as any prairie land of the west and farm machinery of any desired kind can be used in cultivating the fields so soon as the stumps are removed.

Taking conditions as they really are, with the wonderful climate and the large amount of cheap lands available, Cumberland county is in fact one of the most wealthy counties of the state, outside of those containing the four large cities. Our people are prosperous and happy, there are many churches, our schools are improving and institutions of higher education are helping most wonderfully to develop the lives of our people along the best lines. Crossville has a good city school, fine high school and the splendid Cumberland Mountain School, recently established here by the Southern Methodist church, which will be of inestimable value to this section.

Cumberland county is not one of the "poor mountain counties," it is rich in natural resources, making wonderful progress and our people are happy and prosperous.

"Can you beat it?"

services at 7:45.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell entertained a number of their friends in their usual delightful way at their home at Howard Springs, Saturday evening in honor of their two sons, Edwin and Robert Donnelly. A most enjoyable time was had by all present.

Mrs. Otterfelt and little daughter, Myrtle Lee, and Mrs. Thomas Ferris, spent a few days in Chattanooga last week.

Misses Lena Rose and Amy Lee McGuire, of Crossville, are visiting Miss Wilma Graham.

Miss Edith Dayton entertained a few close friends with an ice cream party Friday night. Ice cream was served several times during the evening and games were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal returned recently to Jefferson county where they will spend the summer.

Miss Lula Turner, daughter of the late Chas. Turner, is up from Chattanooga on a visit.

Adin Benedict, who underwent a serious operation recently, is able to be out among his friends again.

Our farmers are working over-time these July days in caring for their abundant crop of hay. While oats were greatly injured by the wet weather, clover and grass are yielding an unusually good crop.

O. B. D.